

The Environmental Impact Statement for Activities Associated with Future Programs



U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground (Dugway) is preparing a Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Activities Associated with Future Programs to assess the environmental impacts of current mission activities and to ensure adequate environmental planning for future mission decisions.

This fact sheet describes the Dugway EIS for Activities Associated with Future Programs. For an understanding of the EIS process, see the fact sheet entitled, *Environmental Impact Statement: A Requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act*.

What is Dugway's Mission?

- ❖ Test and support chemical and biological defense and detection capabilities and weapons systems for the Department of Defense or other federal agencies.
- ❖ Test and evaluate defense solutions for the Army.
- ❖ Operate and manage the installation's facilities and administrative, technical, and logistic services to support Dugway's mission and its tenants' training, testing, and research activities.

Why Does Dugway Require An EIS?

- ❖ To document existing environmental conditions at Dugway.
- ❖ To simplify any future environmental studies required by Dugway, since future studies can build on the information contained in the EIS for Activities Associated with Future Programs. This is referred to as tiering and prevents unnecessary duplication and provides Dugway with significant cost-savings.
- ❖ To improve and coordinate Dugway's plans to fulfill its mission to protect human health, sustain its environmental stewardship, and maintain regulatory compliance.
- ❖ To address on-site and off-site potential cumulative impacts which result from activities at Dugway.

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FACT SHEET



Artillery testing

Various Dugway Activities Which Impact the Environment



Air Force combat
simulation training



Smoke and obscurant
testing

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What Future Programs May Be Examined in Dugway's EIS?

This Dugway EIS examines the impacts to future programs in a proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. The proposed action and some possible alternatives that may be developed following public input during the scoping period are as follows:

- ❖ **Proposed Action** - Implement the following activities:
 - Diversify operations
 - Expand chemical and biological defensive testing
 - Increase Department of Defense training activities
 - Implement an updated master plan
- ❖ **No Action** - Continue Dugway's current operations and management intensity.
- ❖ Increase Department of Defense training activities at Dugway.
- ❖ Increase Department of Defense training activities and expand chemical and biological defensive testing at Dugway.

What Impacts Will the EIS Examine?

The EIS for Activities Associated with Future Programs may examine how the proposed action and alternatives impact biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, socioeconomics, water resources, air quality, health and safety, noise, land use, and transportation. Public input during the scoping period will help determine what impacts will be discussed in the EIS.

EIS Schedule

The following schedule is proposed for the Dugway Activities Associated with Future Programs EIS process:

Notice of Intent Publication	July 1998
Public Scoping Period	August - October 1998
Public Meetings	September 1998
Release of Draft EIS	October 1999
Public Comment Period	October - December 1999
Public Hearings	November 1999
Release of Final EIS	March 2000
Release of Record of Decision	April 2000

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